IN THE UNITED ST PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFIG Attention: Age ation Branch In re Patent Application of: SOBALVARRO et al. 3654-2 Atty. Dkt. Serial No. 09/516,252 Filed: March 1, 2000. Date: July 11, 2000 For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GROUP (CO.) PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

Washington, D.C. 20231 The attached completes filing of the above-identified patent application: Signed Rule 63 Declaration alone OR Signed Declaration plus attached copy of originally filed specification/drawings. NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION FILING DATE GRANTED form. Record and return the attached assignment. Priority is hereby claimed per Rule 55 & 35 USC119 based on prior foreign application(s) Nos.: **Application Nos.** Country **Filing Date** respectively. This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s): Application No. **Filing Date** respectively and priority is hereby claimed therefrom. Certified copy(ies) of foreign and/or provisional application(s): attached; already filed on in U.S. Application Serial No. , filed on The undersigned verifies that the above-identified application is identical to: filed amended on Verified Statement attached establishing "small entity" status (Rules 9 & 27) Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement with attachments, Power of Attorney. Fees are attached as calculated below: Basic filing fee 690.00 Total Effective claims 18.00 31 -20 =x \$ \$ 198.00 5 Independent claims -3 =x \$ 78.00 \$ 156.00 If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$260.00 (ignore improper) \$ 0.00 **FILING FEE** \$ 1.044.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$380.00/2 months; \$870.00/3 months; \$1360.00/4 months) \$ 110.00 Surcharge (\$130.00) if Declaration or filing fee first now submitted \$ 130.00 FIRST SUBTOTAL \$ 1,284.00 If "small entity," enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract -\$ 0.00 SECOND SUBTOTAL \$ 1,284.00 Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00) 40.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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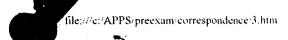
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- · The statutory basic filing fee is missing. Applicant must submit \$ 690 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$354.
 - \$198 for 11 total claims over 20.
 - \$156 for 2 independent claims over 3.
- · The oath or declaration is missing. A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

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